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Next Meeting - March 28, 2001 at 7:00 P.M.

The Hindquarter Restaurant, 7040 Miramar Road

Social Hour, 5:30 P.M. - Dinner, 6:30 P.M. - Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

March Program

Terry Dubson K6JL

"Journey to Central Asia Ey2A"



Our Prez Speaks!!!!

Harv Hiller, KD6QK

Sorry for the mix up with the pres message last month; I guess timing is everything and I didn't have any but I hope it will be better this month. My high hopes and great expectations for the ARRL DX (phone) were dashed rather severely. Following our last meeting I came down with one horrific chest cold and lost my voice to boot. Not exactly a winning combination for a phone contest. There was a bright side though, I finally got PSK31 up and running and made my first Q with an old friend in Sparks, NV, a very pleasing experience. It was a pleasure to use the new mode and to observe the characteristics and copy of this new mode.

Well, from my perspective, there is one last opportunity to do some contesting and to put some new DX contacts in the log. I talking about the CQ WPX (phone) contest at the end of March. If you have the opportunity get in there and try to put 250 Q's in your log. I find this to be a very enjoyable contest to operate because of two factors, 1) the exchange is short and, 2) if conditions are poor there are still plenty of prefixes to work without Europe. Go for it.

I attended the first organization meeting for the 2002 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention. There were the usual introductions and summary discussion of the committees current status. It is certain that the convention will be held at the California Center for the Performing Art - Escondido. Contracts have been signed and it is a done deal. More details to follow. There are still a few positions that need to be filled; I will advise the membership of those positions at the March meeting.

April means Visalia. I will be attending as will a number of other club members. Hope to see you there representing the San Diego DX Club.

A Note from our Ladder Keeper!!!

Please remember to update the ladder occasionally, or you may face the danger of being deleted!! That would be a terrible fate. Also, Visit the DX website at www.qsl.net/sddxc. We will try and keep the newest revisions of both the Ladder and Top Ten current.

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THE SDDXC TOP 10

By John, K6AM



TOP 10 FOR TOTAL DXCC COUNTRIES WORKED ON 80 METERS

3/01	3/00	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	K6NA		?	?	292	-
2.	2.	N6ND	40	169	172	276	-
3.	4.	W6KUT	40	247	254	271	+7
4.	3.	W6YA	40	?	?	271	+5
5.	5.	W6EUF		201	209	223	-
6.	8.	K6TQ	39	215	215	217	+11
7.	6	K6AM		211	212	216	+3
8.	7.	N6AW	39	203	205	209	-
9.	9.	K6CT		138	138	199	+3
10.	10.	K0YW		172	173	190	-

The gap continues to narrow between the top and bottom of the list resulting in a few position changes this year. 80 M activity slows down a bit when the high bands are hot but there are still good opportunities to pump up your 80 M totals. There is a nice article in the DX magazine this month on former member Dale, K6UA. I'm pleased to report he is also still doing very well on 80 with over 300 countries worked.

Each month, we will publish a top ten list for one of the lesser recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, the WARC bands, 160M, and RTTY. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. My address is 4286 Farley Ct., San Diego, CA 92122, or bring 'em to the

The February 2001 SDDXC Bulletin carried an article and useful survey results done by club member Jim Price K6ZH. One item not mentioned in Jim's article is that the packet system already has paid for the capability to add internet spots to our local system.

During the recent multi-week system outage, when we could not connect to any systems outside San Diego County, packet spots from Internet node W6RFU in Santa Barbara were passed into our local system. Any one of literally hundreds of systems worldwide could be linked into our system. W6RFU was picked because it is a handy, more or less Southern California, local. Perhaps some of you wondered why we suddenly had spots from all over the world for a number of weeks.

Using the system we already own, you can tell an internet spot from a local spot. The internet spots automatically have a note in the comment line which looks like !K6XT. The software we own adds this comment to distinguish from local spots, based on the software registered callsign. With this information I am in no way suggesting we make or not make Internet spots a regular thing. See Jim's survey results for how we feel about that.

If you use the packet system, please send K6KT a thank you note, or thank him on 144.415 weekday mornings while Ken is airmobile flying to his job. Ken is the guy keeping our packet system going. Ken has devoted many hours of his precious spare time to keep the hardware and software humming.

The packet system is independently owned and operated and is not officially associated with The San Diego DX Club."

73, Art Charette k6xt@arrl.net
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TREASURER'S REPORT February 28, 2001

Balance as of January 31, 2001:	\$2,947.48
Income:	
Regular Dues:	80.00
TOTAL:	80.00
Expenses:	
Newsletter Printing and Postage:	42.53
ARRL Outgoing QSL Bureau:	5.00
TOTAL:	47.53
Balance as of February 28, 2001:	\$2,979.95
Petty Cash on Hand:	20.00
Total of Checking and Petty Cash:	\$2,999.95

CLUB MEETING MINUTES February 28, 2001

The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting on February 28, 2001, at the Hindquarter Restaurant. President Harv Hiller, KD6QK called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There were 24 members and guests present. Our visitors were K3WE, Warren; KF6SN, Rod; and KG6ABR, Paul.

Bud, N7CW distributed the Ladder for update. He commented that there were a number who had not submitted revisions for an extended period and might be dropped from the ladder.

Jim, K6ZH discussed the Packet Cluster Survey. Unfortunately, only 16 members or 20% of those invited to participate did so.

There was no presentation of the Top Ten by John, K6AM.

The DX Roundtable was interesting and informative.

OLD BUSINESS:

The President, Harv Hiller, KD6QK, stated that the scholarship program was still being studied.

NEW BUSINESS:

Former member, Terry Baxter, N6CW, rejoined the club and paid dues for 2001. Welcome back Terry.

Two applicants were voted into membership by the members assembled as follows:

Regular membership: Larry Cox, K6AIL

Associate membership: Jack Dobbs, WB6AXW.

Secretary Harry, W6YOO announced that SAN-DARC was looking to fill the schedule for the Amateur Radio Booth at this year's Del Mar Fair which

runs from mid-June through July 4th. Six operators are required for each day. Harry will determine which days are open and advise the membership.

PROGRAM:

The evening's program was the showing of the A52A video of the first multi-national Dxpediton to the Kingdom of Bhutan. It was filmed and edited by James Brooks, 9V1YC.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY A. HODGES, W6YOO
Secretary/Treasurer

GOING, GOING, GONE!

Fred Moffett, WA6BJM
Tom Morton, K6CT
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Terry Dubson, K6JL
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Spencer Cromwell, K6VRS
Galen Kelm, N6YBK
Bruce Clark, K0YW
Mort Strong, W0ZS

Please forward your 2001 dues to the Club Treasurer to avoid being dropped from the roles on March 31.

VISALIA Happenings!!

I have been asked by the Northern DX club to once again handle the banquet seating as I did last year. I have agreed to do this, and of course I will try and seat all of the San Diego attendees together. Please let me know asap, if you will be attending the banquet, and I will assign you a table.

Quite a number of us have HF mobiles, and I would like to suggest we use 7.233 as a communications link. 73 to all
Tuck NZ6T

Local VHF Frequencies For Dxers

Frequency Call Mode Other Info

144.415 QRZ? Simplex Voice announcing and chat freq.

144.950 KM6K Packet San Diego Central

145.050 KD6HRO Packet Ramona (local)

145.690 K6KT Packet North County

These are the only DX PacketCluster nodes that are operating in San Diego County at this time



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